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Office of the Fire Coal for the Stock of the Chicago Gaslight & Coke Company—The Directors Urge Its Acceptance—The Committee and Syndicate Pushing the Matter—A Transaction Involving an Issue Of Stock.

A circular has been issued to the stockholders of the Chicago Gaslight & Coke Company by the directors announcing that they have received an offer of $60.50 per share for the stock of the concern, provided a majority of the stock can be obtained. The par value of the stock is $50, and the offer is therefore at the rate of 10 per cent or 20 per cent premium. The circulars also state that they will take the entire capital stock, if it can be obtained at the same rate. The directors declare that the price named is 20 per cent greater than the actual value of the stock as shown by the books of the company, and they unanimously recommend the acceptance of the offer. They say that the Equitable Company has accepted their territory, paying the value of their land improvements, their 4 cents a barrelage; that have given for gas as a necessity, and that a permanent policy of the company must come after competition has exhausted both parties. They say further that the life blood of gas is consumed the moment beyond the capacity of their works, and that the plant cannot be adequately increased except by stopping dividends or issuing bonds. They further say that they cannot increase themselves for fifteen or the South Side by extending their plant to the West Side and North; they assert that the price offered is the full value of the property, under present conditions. They have agreed to sell their individual holdings and have secured the same privilege for all the stockholders. They further write that they consider a bonus to be paid up to the consolidation proposition to sell the stock, and that they will not favor consolidation unless the stock is taken at the figure named.

It is not stated in the circular why the bill does not for the Consumers' and Equitable companies and consented to the option. The principal men in the Equitable Company are Messrs. Cummings, Gage and Scribner. Mr. Cummings, being connected with the Consumers', is probably not in the market. Mr. Gage is said to be willing to sell his stock at the figure named. Mr. Scribner has not been seen since the circular was issued. It is understood that he has declined to sell his stock at the figure named. Mr. Scribner is the largest stockholder in the Equitable Company, and his refusal to sell at the figure named would probably defeat the consolidation. Mr. Scribner is now in the East, and will not return for a week or ten days. Mr. Gage, with a majority of the stock, could control the Equitable Company, and Mr. Cummings, with a majority of the stock of the Consumers', could control that company. Mr. Cummings is also a director in the Equitable Company. Mr. Gage is also a director in the Consumers'

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A minute on the death of the late Representative Mills.

President Cockran's vote of the Tenth and 11th received—The Texas Contingent—The Sole Holdout Silenced and Found to Be Democratic—Interesting Vote Sent's Party—Chicago Delegation Chat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Mr. Sherman of Illinois called up in the House the conference report upon the Sixth District bill.

Mr. Kitchin of North Carolina spoke against the adoption of the report. He criticised the provision granting to the Governor and his deputies the power to compel an officer to act. There is the additional work, and that there was no exception over the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals and the Governor was interested in that exception. ("Answer hope of getting that here.")

Mr. Sherman of Illinois also criticised the provision, which, he said, made the Governor the Judge and jury to determine whether a person had committed an offense, and invested him with the power without investigation to compel that person to act. He did not think that in dealing with the crimes of conspiracy, which every one wished to see suppressed, it was necessary to give the Governor power to interfere on the rights of the people of Utah.

Mr. Hammond of Georgia defended the conference report.

The conference report was then agreed to and the bill, upon the following vote, was passed:

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THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Testimony Before the Senate Committee—The "Chamber of Horrors" Tribute.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Mr. S. Davis, colored, was the first witness before the Senate Committee today. He was a clerk in the office of United Pension Bureau. He had been [illegible] years, mostly colored. There was a good deal of noise and "confusion" from the time the gate closed at 4 o'clock, and a good deal of shouting; but the clerks there were not disturbed. Witness did not hear any language used which was [illegible] to a gentleman. [illegible] Mr. Davis, in answer to questions, said that the noise was [illegible] the ordinary noise of business, and that it was not greater than [illegible] the noise of the [illegible] Mr. Davis [illegible] the noise was a good deal [illegible] the noise [illegible] the noise [illegible] the noise

THE HARPER VETERANS.

CONVICTIONS OF THE DEFENDANTS RESTING IN DOUBT.

Question Almost Controlling Prominently Into the Deposition Proceedings—Commissioner Parsons and Others Quite Vigorous Speaking—Securing the Record of Gen. John A. Logan—Matters of Minor Importance Disposed of—Adjournment Taken to the Next Place of Meeting.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 13.—[Special.]—The fight has been out of cold steel and confined entirely exclusively with the progress of affairs each day from occupied out for the Office of the Chief Army of the Republic, which has been talking to assist Bel's assertion. The story was that through the aide of the old union the occupation was held [illegible], amounting a transfer to Harper's Theatre. At the opening of the morning session the committee called up a long string of resolutions presented yesterday afternoon, and the most animated discussion followed all week. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That the undersigned, having made [illegible] from the Harper's Theatre, Chicago, Ill., on and for the use of the Knights and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and having [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and

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TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1890.

It is almost time to see the probability of the entire session of Congress.

One hundred and forty-nine persons were killed on railroads in Iowa last year.

The Olympics and Cuestas Aguayrta One Bill passed the House yesterday.

Large purchases of horses for the French Government are being made in Spain.

The House has agreed (97 to 48) to the conference report on the Anti-Option bill.

The assembly-trout fishery was sold at auction in London yesterday for $250,000.

The Senate yesterday refused, by a vote of 36 to 20, to grant the Texas land bill over the President's veto.

Mr. Cleaves introduced a bill in the Illinois House yesterday providing for an additional Judge in Cook County.

The United States Senate yesterday passed, by a vote of 36 to 7, the State bill to provide for the passage of the naval establishment.

Patriotic articles in the Parisian papers in regard to the relations of France and Germany yesterday caused a rise on the bourse.

Jacob Tuck, of St. Louis, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Texas, has lost $20,000 of the lodge's money in speculation.

A bill passed the United States Senate yesterday for an additional associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Utah Senate.

Governor Pierce yesterday presented to the United States Senate, a petition from citizens of Idaho in favor of a National Board of Arbitration.

A contract emergency of the amounts required in bills asking for appropriations in the Illinois Legislature shows a total asked for of $3,000,000, with more to follow.

Gen. Sherman has written a letter relative to Mr. John Rogers's recent examination. Gen. Sherman says he is glad that Rogers finds his time [illegible] people, whom he says he [illegible] somewhere.

Patrick Sheridan mechanically denies the charges brought by the Hyperion asserting that the Directorate, in event of securing a majority in the gas franchise, will introduce sweating bills, excessive remaining [illegible] service to street, years, and suspend sewerage outlays and even the Constitution.

Joseph T. Stuart, late President of the Columbus & Hocking Valley Railway Company of New York City, died yesterday morning. An indictment is on the agenda [illegible] for being a party to forgiving of bribes to members of the Board of Aldermen of [illegible] in connection with the passage of the Consolidation franchise.

An offer of 10 per cent has been made for the stock of the Chicago Gaslight & Coke Company, and the Directors urge its acceptance. It is stated that the Consumers' and Hyperion are probably the bidders, and that their representatives, investing at least $2,750,000, in a scheme for the consolidation of the bodies mentioned.

Gen. Van Alleni in the United States Senate yesterday criticised in the Bell-Tucker Investigation. Gen. Bellamy Bell, which provides for the investigation by James B. Bell and three other persons named of the Atlantic & Pacific Ship Railway Company, with a capital stock not to exceed $30,000,000. The committee was granted power to send for papers [illegible] Gen. Van Alleni, [illegible] Senator Vest, Wyoming that no certificate of stock shall be issued until it shall have been fully paid for in money at par value, and prohibiting the issuance of bonds in excess of the paid-in capital or the issuance of the same for less than par value.

Gen. Van has introduced a bill in the Senate yesterday providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the Indian Territory, and to report to the next session of Congress. The commission is to consist of three persons, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The bill provides that the commission shall have power to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths. The commission is to report to Congress at the next session. The bill appropriates $10,000 for the purpose of carrying it into effect.

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EUROPE EXPECTED WAR.

AN EXPLANATION OF SERVIAN MILITARY MOVES.

Bismarck Alleged Purchase of Bosnia in Addition to Government Victory in the House of Commons — The Visit of the Spaniards a Disappointment of the Anti-Spanish—A Disagreement of the Anti-Spanish as a Certainty—Miscellaneous News from Over the Sea.

London, Feb. 17.—[New York Sun and Herald Cable.]—The Anglican Church, which is supposed to be inspired from the Berlin Embassy, gives official explanations of Emperor William's silence. There are two of them. First, a semi-Berlin hinting out the fear of war would be considered by the Powers and people of Europe as an unnecessary provocation to a conflict between France and Germany; second, a specific assertion, giving the impression that an alliance of the two countries, which, as already stated in official circles, would drag the gates which are likely to frighten the German people into backing up legislative action in the sense of the Emperor and Bismarck, and would seriously endanger the chances of the Septennate bill, if not actually defeat it. Still, the Times Pressa persuaded the Emperor that any interference in this to the election, which an appeal unofficially would not avoid being to some extent would compromise the Imperial dignity. It was on these arguments, says the Anglican Press, that Emperor William remembered his intention to leave a conflict.

England's Naval Preparations.

New York, Feb. 17.—The details of the new naval and transportation scheme, England and New York, arranged by the British Admiralty, were received yesterday. The agreement has two distinct phases, which may be separated into and service and war service. The most interesting feature of the war arrangements is that which concerns the employment of the mail boats in the emergency of war. It is thus described: Eleven steamships are to be constructed, eight of which are to be of 12,000 tons displacement, and the other three of 10,000 tons displacement.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

DEFEAT OF A PROPOSITION TO VOTE A SUNDAY RAILROAD.

The Discussion of the Matter Leads to the Expression of Opinion on the Labor Question—The Maine Law Requiring the Consent of a Majority of Property-Holders to Grant Aid to the Construction of Any Railroad Recommended to Pass—Other Matters.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 15.—[Special.]—The Senate committee on Penitentiaries today reported in favor of a resolution of inquiry as to the future which provides for the appointment of a committee to join a like committee from the House, and have a report to the Twenty-Sixth General Assembly next January. The resolution also provides that the committee of investigation shall have power to employ clerks, stenographers and experts to assist in the examination of the Prison Labor Bureau system, and to employ the witnesses and such experts as may be necessary to enable them to arrive at the solution of the problem. Mr. Hagenbarth stated that he would be inclined to go along with the party, but that thought was an objection from Mr. Gray, who said the United Labor men were represented on the committee and had not been consulted before the House would not go, but the committee ought to be appointed and the Labor leaders seen and asked if they thought a few days' study of the matter in connection with Mr. Gray's report and the House investigation would be time well employed. Mr. Gray thought not, as there would be little gained by it. Mr. Hagenbarth said that he would be willing to go along with the party, but that thought was an objection from Mr. Gray, who said the United Labor men were represented on the committee and had not been consulted before the House would not go, but the committee ought to be appointed and the Labor leaders seen and asked if they thought a few days' study of the matter in connection with Mr. Gray's report and the House investigation would be time well employed

THE CITY.

IN BRIEF.

Chief of Police Hanvill ordered from Springfield yesterday morning that the Police Board had not yet agreed upon a successor to the Lieutenant.

Richard Hemmingway, a dealer at No. 180 Twenty-second, was held in $500 bonds by Justice Summerfield yesterday for selling obscene pictures to municipal paupers.

Judge Tuley received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his mother, and left on the Pittsburgh. There will be no court [illegible] in consequence.

Bank Balances, $50,000. That will appear in a startling paragraph which will be in circulation from subscribers yesterday or Friday. Don't be surprised. The fun comes [illegible]

An important communication of Eleventh Ward No. 211, 2, 7 and 8, to-day Wednesday evening, Market House, Lumberman's Co., Ohio street, between Wells and Franklin.

Hannah & Hamlin have sold a good deal of stock to the trade this week. Their stock is the largest and best assorted in the city, and their prices are positively the lowest. Retail selling for all customers of trade.

The committee of the Council Finance Committee appointed from Springfield concerning legislative matters met together last evening and will report to the members at the opening of the session next January. [illegible]

The temperature yesterday, as observed by Sergeant Appleton, Signal Service Office, was as follows: 7 a. m., 20°; 10 a. m., 30°; 1 p. m., 30°; 4 p. m., 30°; 7 p. m., 30°; 10 p. m., 30°; maximum, 30°; minimum, 20°.

In opening a letter sent to the 227 Clark street Methodist mission, Officer Corbin and Wright found among the other contents a card, on which was written the name of the author, a young man who said that he was out of work and starving. The boy was found and [illegible]

Sheriff's auction to-day at 10 o'clock, at the store of Albert Hart, No. 1,000 Lake street, between Ashland and Paulina, the entire stock of boots and shoes, [illegible] Sale positive. Terms cash. Sheriff's fees paid by the purchaser.

The Fire and Water Committee of the Council met yesterday. The report of the City Engineer was read, recommending that a new [illegible] be built at the foot of Lake street, and that the [illegible] be repaired. The report was adopted, and the Mayor was instructed to have the work done.

Yesterday's rain-storm took a new turn late in the afternoon, when it changed to snow, and it continued for about two hours. The snow did not lie on the ground, but it was very disagreeable to walk in

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Silly Cards.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—Is it not time to call a halt in the foolish fad of sending valentines? Is it not a waste of time, money and energy? Is it not a nuisance? Is it not a bore? Is it not silly? Is it not time to call a halt? Is it not time to call a halt? Is it not time to call a halt

SAFETY FILM